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To: Interested Parties

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Subject:

Certified Waste-Derived Product No. 16, Dewatered Coffee Grounds

Pursuant to Env-Wm 3207.05 and Env-Wm 3208 of the New Hampshire Solid Waste Rules (Rules), the Department of Environmental Services, Waste Management Division (Department) has added dewatered coffee grounds (product) made with coffee grounds (waste) to the Department's list of certified waste derived products. Use of the waste must adhere to Part Env-Wm 3202.04 of the Rules which are designed to protect public health and the environment. Before using the waste to produce the product, be sure to note any specifications or restrictions that have been placed on the use, storage, handling, and production of the waste and/or product. Six (6) waste and product specifications and restrictions are attached.

This certification granted by the Department shall not affect the user's obligation to obtain all requisite federal, state, or local permits, licenses or approvals, and to comply with all other applicable federal, state, district or local permits, ordinances, laws or approvals or conditions pertaining to the use of the product.

For permitting information and questions, please call the Department's Permitting and Design Review Section at (603) 271-2925 for assistance.

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Certified Waste Derived Product No. 16 Dewatered Coffee Grounds Used as an Organic Soil Amendment May 30, 2003

Certified Waste-Derived Product No. 16 Dewatered Coffee Grounds Used as Organic Soil Amendment Specifications and Restrictions

Dewatered coffee grounds (product) shall be deemed certified for distribution and use as an organic soil amendment under the following conditions:

- 1. The product shall be registered with the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture for use as a commercial fertilizer.
- 2. The product may be incorporated into soil for general landscaping purposes. It may also be used to top dress turf.
- The product shall not contain "free liquids" as defined by Method 9095 (Paint Filter Test), as described in "Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Wastes, Physical/Chemical Methods" (EPA Pub. No. SW-846).
- 4. The product may cause skin or eye irritation in some individuals. Therefore, the user shall take precautions during the handling of the product to minimize inhalation and/or exposure to skin, eyes, and mucous membranes. Such precautions should include the use of personal protective equipment (gloves, protective eyewear, and dust mask, etc.).

5. Storage

- a. Storage locations shall be located on level areas that will minimize potential for surface water contact.
- b. Storage locations shall be setback a minimum of 25 feet from property boundaries and public roadways, 50 feet from surface waters, 100 feet from private drinking water wells, and 300 feet from public water supplies.

6. Utilization

- a. The product shall not be applied at a rate greater than its maximum application rate. The application rate will be based on the nitrogen needs of the crop and the amount of residual nitrogen in the soil.
- b. The product shall not be spread on frozen, snow covered, or saturated ground.
- c. The product shall not be applied in diversions, drainage ditches, gullies, non-vegetative swales, ravines, or on bedrock outcrops.